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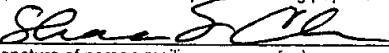
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INTEGRAL HANDLE, PREFORM AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Box New Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please delete Claims 1-79 and add the following new claims:

80. A preform for a container comprised of orientable thermoplastic material and arranged so that the resultant blown container will include a handle or like support structure; said preform comprising a molded structure having a neck portion and an expandable portion below the neck, said neck including a locating ring above the expandable portion and a solid stem or orientable thermoplastics material projecting from the preform and molded integrally therewith which when the container is formed constitutes the handle.

81. The preform of Claim 80, wherein the preform is formed by an injection process including two separate, first and second, points of injection.

82. The preform of Claim 81, wherein the first point of injection injects non-recycled PET or like thermoplastics material to form a portion of the preform.